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Question: Where can I read about the current indefinite extension to the Top-Screen deadline for agricultural facilities?

Answer: On December 21, 2007, DHS issued a letter indefinitely extending the CFATS Top-Screen deadline for farmers and other agricultural facilities that use chemicals of interest (COI) for certain agricultural purposes. The letter was published in the Federal Register on January 9, 2008 (73 Fed. Reg. 1640). In that letter, DHS explained that the deadline for Top-Screens would be extended for any facility required to submit a Top-Screen *solely* because it possesses any chemical of interest, at or above the applicable screening threshold quantity, for use:

- (a) in preparation for the treatment of crops, feed, land, livestock (including poultry) or other areas of an agricultural production facility; or
- (b) during application to or treatment of crops, feed, land, livestock (including poultry) or other areas of an agricultural production facility.

The extension applies to facilities such as farms (e.g., crop, fruit, nut, and vegetable); ranches and rangeland; poultry, dairy, and equine facilities; turfgrass growers; golf courses; nurseries; floricultural operations; and public and private parks. The extension does not apply to chemical distribution facilities or commercial chemical application services.